

DISPATCHING TABLE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

August 24, 1963

SUBJECT: Soviet Military Presence in Cuba.

QUESTION:

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RADIOGRAM:

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SUBSTANTIVE MATTER IN REPLY:

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BRIEFING PAPER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE

August 20, 1963

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BACKGROUND:

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SUGGESTED POINTS IN REPLY:

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